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Overview

Expands the membership and duties of the Online and Digital Learning Advisory Council and postpones its expiration.

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- 1 Online and Digital Learning Advisory Council.** (a) Increase the number of council members from 12 to 14. Requires two council members to the technology business. Requires the other council members to represent school superintendents, special education specialists, technology directors, teachers, school districts from throughout Minnesota, full-time and supplemental programs, consortia, charter schools, teacher preparation programs, and parents.
- (b) Directs the council to bring digital learning matters and provide input to the legislature. Makes a conforming change by striking a date.
- (d) Directs the council to provide input to the department and the legislature on digital learning matters such as maximizing the effectiveness of technology and related instruction in improving student outcomes, effectively using technology to advance students' 21st century knowledge and skills and involve parents in helping their students make good educational decisions, using technology to individualize student learning, providing educators with professional development and collaborative best practices, collaborating to leverage resources for digital learning, improving technology use in the classroom, and addressing geographic disparities in digital education.

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(e) Directs the council to make annual policy recommendations to the education commissioner and the legislature.

(f) Postpones the council's expiration date until 2016.